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Samoa

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 90 days.

US Embassy/ Consulate

+685 21436 / 21631 / 21452 or 22696; EMER: +685 7771776, please leave a message and the Duty Officer will return your call; U S Embassy Samoa, ACC Building, 5th Floor, Matafele Apia, Samoa

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical; rainy season (November to April), dry season (May to October)

Currency (Code)

Tala (SAT)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz /plug type(s): I



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Major Languages

Samoaan (Polynesian) 91.1%, Somoan/English 6.7%, English 0.5%, other 0.2%, unspecified 1.6%

Religions

Protestant 54.9%, Roman Catholic 18.8%, Mormon 16.9%, Worship Centre 2.8%, other Christian 3.6%, other 2.9% (includes Baha'i, Muslim), none 0.2%

Time Difference

UTC+13 (18 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in September; ends first Sunday in April

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit

Suggested; in addition, you will need to get a local permit.

Road Driving Side

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Tourist destinations	Palolo Deep National Marine Reserve; Robert Louis Stevenson Museum & Mt Vaea Scenic Walk; Papaseea Sliding Rocks; Piula Cave Pool; Le Pupū-Pue National Park; Lalomanu Beach; To Sua Ocean Trench; Mulivai Cathedral
Cultural Practices	Shoes should be removed when entering a household.
Tipping Guidelines	Tipping is not part of Samoan culture. Locals do not tip. Most tourists leave a little tip to wait staff to show their appreciation. Tipping tour guides and drivers is common. Conventionally, 5-10% of the tour price is a good gratuity.
Telephone Code	685
Local Emergency Phone	999

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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